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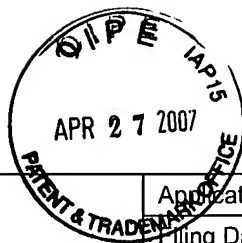
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	C5	Veritas Software Corporation, "VERITAS Volume Manager, Administrator's Reference Guide Release 3.0.1," May 1999.
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